

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CLEAN WATER FINANCING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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SUBJECT: Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund – FY 2024 Annual Solicitation of Applications for Financial Assistance

TO: Potential Loan Recipients

FROM: DEQ – Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program (CWFAP)

DATE: June 5, 2023

On behalf of the State Water Control Board (SWCB), we are pleased to announce the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) **FY 2024** annual solicitation of applications for financial assistance through the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF). The FY 2024 annual solicitation will include additional funding for [emerging contaminants projects](#), as well as an option to submit applications through [MyDEQ Portal](#), in addition to electronic submission. Also new this year are [supplemental instructions](#) to help applicants complete their applications. Please note that the MyDEQ Portal will require an account registration; see the [MyDEQ Portal Instructions and FAQ](#).

The VCWRLF is soliciting applications for projects that involve improvements to **publicly owned wastewater collection and treatment facilities**, installation of **publicly owned stormwater best management practices**, projects for the remediation of contaminated **brownfield properties**, **land conservation projects**, **onsite septic** and **living shoreline projects**.

Eligible **brownfield** loan recipients are units of local government, public service authorities, partnerships, or corporations. Eligible **land conservation** loan recipients are state and local governments, public service authorities, and registered nonprofit organizations.

Local governments can apply for funding to establish a local program for **living shoreline** and/or **onsite septic** projects to protect or improve water quality. Note that [House Bill 1941](#) expanded eligibility for recipients of a local government's onsite septic local program to eligible businesses located within the Rural Coastal Virginia Community Enhancement Authority (the Authority) effective July 1, 2023. The eligible businesses, in addition to local governments within the Authority are also eligible loan recipients for living shoreline projects. Special consideration may be given to projects that meet the Green Project Reserve guidelines (see descriptive excerpt on CWFAP's [Templates and Resources](#) webpage).

The amount in available funds varies year to year. In FY 2024, the amount of available funds may be leveraged to increase assistance available should demand for water quality or public health related projects exceed availability. Note that additional funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for [emerging contaminants](#) projects is included in this solicitation; there will not be a separate solicitation for BIL funding.

Completed applications are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2023 and must be submitted electronically via a MyDEQ Portal submission or uploaded to the [Virginia Resources Authority ShareFile site](#). We will evaluate the applications received and present a proposed funding list to the DEQ Director in September 2023.

For more details regarding the programs offered, the application process, or assistance in completing the application, please contact Karen Doran or Lauren Linville in the Central Office or your closest [regional representative](#) (see VCWRLF staff directory on next page).

Information on the VCWRLF, including the *Virginia Wastewater Revolving Loan Fund Program Design Manual and Guidelines*, *Virginia Brownfield Remediation Loan Program Guidelines*, *Virginia Land Conservation Loan Program Guidelines*, *Stormwater Loan Program Guidelines*, *Living Shorelines Loan Program Guidelines*, Green Project Reserve information, and application forms for each loan program can be accessed on DEQ's website:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/water/clean-water-financing-and-assistance/virginia-clean-water-revolving-loan-fund-vcwrlf>

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